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Cassis receives SBAM Legislator of the Year award

Lansing – State Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) said she deeply appreciates being named Legislator of the Year by the Small Business Association of Michigan.

“This honor and recognition is even more meaningful and overwhelming coming from a group representing those who play such a vital role in the success of our state,” Cassis said. “Throughout my legislative career, I have been a strong advocate for reducing the tax burden and making the tax code more simple and fair. I have worked hard to eliminate the tax on health benefits, and I sponsored the phase-out of the SBT and the reduction in the income tax to 3.9 percent. And I continue to devote my time and energy to economic development issues, including road improvements like the Beck Road interchange and the Grand River Avenue improvements.”

Cassis, a champion for business and economic development, was recognized for her ongoing commitment to small businesses and her hard work on their behalf in the Michigan Senate. The award was presented at a breakfast reception Monday in Novi.

“Sen. Cassis has demonstrated exemplary leadership on tax issues important to the small business community and clearly understands and values the important role of entrepreneurs in the Michigan economy,” says Rob Fowler, President and CEO of the Small Business Association of Michigan.

Cassis has been honored by a number of groups, including the National Republican Legislators Association, *Insider Business Journal*, and the Michigan Credit Union League.

“Senator Cassis has been at the forefront of helping employers create and retain jobs,” said Linda Jolicoeur, owner of Target Equipment Leasing in Farmington Hills.

“Small business has no better friend in Michigan than Nancy Cassis.”

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